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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6824**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1349

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 21, 2006

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 19, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Animal Hunting Preserves.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Ulmer

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill changes the name of shooting preserves to animal hunting preserves. It allows the propagation and hunting of game birds and privately owned deer and elk on animal hunting preserves. (Current law allows game birds and exotic mammals to be propagated and hunted if rules are adopted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to allow such hunting.) The bill requires an animal hunting preserve to contain at least 80 acres or if the owner held a game breeder's license for deer or elk in 2003, not less than the same number of contiguous acres the person maintained while operating under the game breeder's license. (Current law requires the shooting preserve to contain between 100 and 640 acres and be located at least five miles from a state-owned game refuge or state public hunting ground.) The bill makes conforming changes.

The bill requires a preserve that allows hunting of game birds to be located at least one mile from a state-owned game refuge or state public hunting ground. (Current law requires all shooting preserves to be located at least five miles from a state-owned game refuge or state public hunting ground.)

The bill requires a license for a cervidae livestock operation. (Current law requires a cervidae livestock operation to have a game breeder's license.)

The bill establishes certain requirements on preserves that allow hunting of deer or elk. It also provides that deer and elk taken on a preserve are not subject to bag, sex, or size limits. The bill makes conforming changes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill decreases the number of acres from 640 to 80 that hunting preserves must contain. It also decreases the distance that a hunting preserve must be from a state-owned game refuge or state public hunting ground from five miles to one mile. The bill also increases the number of species that can be hunted. The bill increases the number of facilities that qualify as hunting preserves.

The DNR will experience an increase in applications and will also experience an increase in the number of facilities that must be inspected. The overall increase in administrative expenditures is indeterminable.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** (Revised) The bill provides for a \$15 fee for a license for a cervidae livestock operation and a fee of \$250 per buck and \$50 per doe that animal hunting preserves must pay for each deer or elk killed on the preserve. The amount of revenue that will be generated by the fees is indeterminable.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** DNR.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** DNR; State of Wisconsin, Legislative Audit Bureau,  
[http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/reports/ltr\\_CWD03.pdf](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lab/reports/ltr_CWD03.pdf);  
<http://www.state.me.us/ifw/wildlife/cwdfactsheet.htm#Where%20Has%20CWD%20Been%20Found?>;  
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahps/cwd/cwd-history.html>

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